

PORTAGER

A Natural Place to Move



A Message from Mayor Patricia M. Randall

We find ourselves in October with cooler temps, donning warmer clothing, and bidding goodbye to the daylight that is always such a positive in our lives. The burst of color in our deciduous trees is worth a drive to take it all in. Mums, pumpkins, and squash appear everywhere one turns. Autumn holds its special magic!

October derives its name from octo, the Latin term for eight. In the Roman calendar, October was the eighth month in the lunar calendar. The ancient timekeeping system contained ten months and a total of 304 days. It wasn't until 713 B.C. that the Roman King Numa Pompilius added two months to the beginning of the year – January and February. With the twelve months, October kept its name and place in the new calendar year.

October is a great month for star gazing with meteor showers and a full moon, known as the Hunter's Moon. This moon designated the time of year when animals were fattened and slaughtered to preserve meats for use in the upcoming months. The month was also important for ending the harvest and storing crops. It was critical to sustain lives through the long winter months.

Today, in the United States, October is best known as the spookiest month, celebrating the last day of the month as Halloween. The origins of this holiday can be traced back over 2000 years ago around a Celtic festival known

as Samhain. People lit bonfires and dressed in costumes to ward off ghosts. Many countries celebrate this holiday, with differing customs. For Americans, dressing up and trick-or-treating is the traditional way we celebrate.

The city does not get involved in trick-or-treating practices, but we do capitalize on the season and offer many family-friendly events for all to enjoy. Our Park staff works hard to deliver new experiences and opportunities to make memories. Area businesses and nonprofits sponsor many of the events. Some Halloween-themed happenings of note in the Portage Park system during October include:

Glassblowing Workshop: An opportunity to create a mini glass-blown pumpkin with a local artist on October 13 and 14, at 320 Library Lane.

Oktoberfest: An event celebrating with dinner, German beer, live Polka music, an 80's rock band, and events for kids at the Hayloft Theatre on October 7. This is the first-ever fundraiser sponsored by the Portage Parks Foundation which assists the local park systems through gifts and additional programming.

Monster Mash: Our most well-attended annual event draws more than 6,000 people, depending on the weather. The event offers trick-or-treating, inflatables, hayrides, magic shows, pumpkin carving, balloon animals, airbrush tattoos, and carnival games, and ends with a movie at Ramona Park. More than 20 local businesses are supporting and sponsoring this event.

Pups & Pumpkins Paw-ty: For this first-ever event, dress up your fur baby and enjoy fun and games at South Westnedge Dog Park. Register and bring your pup for a Pawsome time.

and enjoy the fun! Photos of pups will be featured on our Facebook page after the event.

Dates, times, and additional details for these events can be found at www.mypark.portagemi.gov or in our 2023-2024 Fall & Winter Parks & Recreation Guide.

For the second year in a row, Portage will hold our "Tricked-out Home" Halloween Decorating Contest with prizes and acknowledgment given to the top three entries. The deadline for entering this contest is October 23. A map will be published on social media to identify the competing houses. Once again, prizes will be sponsored by local businesses.

Also, worth visiting, is the wonderful art exhibition of works by Paul May, the 2023 Portage Community Art Award recipient. Paul is the sixth recipient of this award presented in conjunction with the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts West Michigan Area Show. Paul's winning work reflects our city's motto of *A Natural Place to Move!* and will be on display in City Hall for a full year. His wooden bowls and photography collection will be on display through November 30, 2023. Worth a visit!

As we enter the fall of our year, may you continue to enjoy the many opportunities available through Portage Parks & Recreation and embrace the unity of community. As the magical pallet of our colors emerges, the peace and tranquility of our twenty parks are open and available to all. We no longer have to stockpile food for the long, cold winter months, but we still have to pace ourselves for the winter months ahead.

– Patricia M. Randall

City Improves Ability for Citizens to Participate in Development Activities

On September 19, the Portage City Council approved the updated City of Portage Public Participation Plan. In the process of updating the plan, the City Administration implemented improvements to engage citizens in a transparent manner, making information easy to access for all interested members of the community, including:

1. Posting of public hearing notices on the city website on the Community Development web page in addition to the Legal Notices web page. Interested individuals may also sign up to receive automatic notifications when a public hearing notice is published.
2. Posting of applications for new developments requiring Planning Commission approval on a new city web page at

the time they are initially received. Interested individuals may also sign up to receive automatic notifications when a new application is added to the web page.

Both of these new online features can be accessed by visiting www.portagemi.gov/173.

The new Public Participation Plan also requires developers of major new developments to meet with nearby neighbors prior to an initial formal application with the city. The plan also allows for written notification of public hearings for major new developments to extend up to 500 feet for projects with potentially significant impacts (instead of the legally required 300 feet).

We hope these new features will promote accountability, participation, and trust in government and increase citizen participation in the development process.

Revitalizing Lexington Green Park: Exciting Renovations on the Horizon

A City of Portage park tucked in the Lexington Green neighborhood is undergoing some exciting changes to improve the facilities and amenities. Over the past few years, the city has been working closely with the neighborhood residents to develop a plan for the 23-acre Lexington Green Park that caters to the needs of local residents. It has been an exciting and collaborative process, with input from a variety of stakeholders, including families, seniors, and community organizations.

The park's renovation project is focused on the west side, with more passive recreational activities to the south and active recreational opportunities to the north. The park will feature walking loops and lamp-lighted trails, a new ballfield, courts for basketball and pickleball, and a bike ramp course. Additionally, a new restroom and pavilion will be located at



the park's center, with a large playscape nearby. Recently, neighbors of Lexington Green Park met to choose the playscape equipment they would like to see installed in the spring. The group unanimously chose a playscape with swings, including those for toddlers, and a large unit with multiple slides, ramps, and climbing structures for children of all ages and abilities, along with a fun color scheme.

The City of Portage received a generous \$500,000 Land and Water grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to match the city's funds for the park's completion and construction. The park designs are finalized and construction is planned to begin in the spring, with completion targeted for December 2024. The playground equipment has been ordered and installation is planned in the spring.

We hope that the end result will be a beautiful and functional park that enhances the quality of life for everyone in the Lexington Green neighborhood.

We've Got Spirit! Yes We Do!

To commemorate the annual cross-town rivalry football game between the Portage Central Mustangs and the Portage Northern Huskies, we'll display both teams' flags on South Westnedge Avenue the week of October 2.

First National Bank of Michigan has generously sponsored this display. "First National Bank of Michigan is proud to support the Portage community and a good rivalry," stated Dan Bitzer, President & CEO, First National Bank of Michigan. "As a local bank, being part of the community is what we do, good luck to both teams!"

The game kicks off on Friday, October 6 at 7 PM at McCamley-Knight Field, home field of the Mustangs. Come out to cheer on your team and see who brings home the Kavanaugh Trophy!



A Good Shake Could Save Your Mailbox

Each winter, mailboxes across the county can be damaged during winter maintenance operations due to the weight of the snow coming off the plow blade. The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County, the City of Kalamazoo, and the City of Portage are teaming up for "Shake Your Mailbox Day." On Saturday, October 28, take a few minutes make sure that your mailbox can withstand the snow. Tighten the screws that secure your mailbox to the post, replace loose hinges on the mailbox door, and ensure that the post is secure in the ground. Now is also a good time to replace or add reflective house numbers to ensure that first responders can easily find your home in an emergency.





National Fire Prevention Week Open House

Are you interested in fire safety and prevention? If so, you'll want to mark your calendar for the annual Fire Prevention Week Open House! It's happening on Saturday, October 7, from 9:30 AM to 12 PM at the Portage Department of Public Safety – Fire Division. This is a great opportunity to learn how to use a fire extinguisher, check out the trucks, and meet the firefighters who drive them.

National Fire Prevention Week runs from October 8 - 14, and it's an important week to bring attention to fire safety and prevention. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is all about cooking safety and how everyone

can take simple but important actions to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking. Follow us on social media during Fire Prevention Week for important safety messages.

Fire Prevention Week Open House
Saturday, October 7, 9:30 AM - 12 PM
Portage Fire Station No. 1, 7830 Shaver Road

The Portage Fire Prevention Week Open House will have something for everyone, including puppet shows for the kids, a firefighter obstacle course, coloring contest, fire extinguisher training, smoke alarm information and sign up, Bronson Safe Kids, and many other activities. It's a free event that offers both fun and education. Be sure to stop by and check it out!

Community Human Services Open House: Find Support and Opportunities

Are you curious about the extensive range of services and resources available to Portage residents? Perhaps you're seeking assistance for yourself or a loved one, are interested in volunteering, or simply want to learn more about the support systems within our community. If any of these scenarios resonate with you, mark your calendar for the upcoming Community Human Services Open House, where service organizations will share their invaluable resources and assistance offerings.

This event promises to be an informative and engaging occasion, providing you with an opportunity to learn about the multitude of community services that cater to the diverse needs of Portage residents.

Community Human Services Open House
Thursday, November 2, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Portage Zhang Senior Center, 203 East Centre Avenue

Explore programs and services designed to enhance the lives of children, teenagers, and families. Discover organizations that provide essential support in areas such as housing, food, transportation, and financial assistance. Learn about local healthcare resources, clinics, and wellness programs.

If you're passionate about giving back to the community, there will be information about local volunteer opportunities. Discover non-profit organizations and community groups working tirelessly to address social issues like poverty, homelessness, and domestic violence. Your involvement can be

a powerful force for change.

The Community Human Services Open House is not

just an event; it's an opportunity for us, as a community, to come together, support one another, and strengthen the bonds that make Portage a special place to live. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected, and compassionate Portage.

Fall Property Maintenance Reminder

Keep Drainage Grates Clear

Quick intense rainstorms can cause water ponding on streets, especially when drainage grates are clogged. It is easy to overlook the buildup of lawn clippings, leaves, and other debris deposited in the street gutter and on street drainage grates.



The Portage Department of Transportation & Utilities reminds residents it is a civic responsibility to inspect and clean street gutters and storm drainage grates abutting your property on a regular basis. Please follow these simple rules:

- » Don't blow grass clippings, leaves, or debris into the street. When it rains, storm water carries these materials down the gutter to the nearest drainage grate.
- » Periodically inspect grates near your property and remove accumulated debris from the surface. Major maintenance needs can be reported to the Transportation & Utilities Department at 329-4422.
- » Never pour used motor oil, chemicals, or foreign substances into drainage grates or street gutters.
- » Never use a street drainage basin as a "garbage collector" or dumpster for pet waste.

These simple preventative actions will keep storm sewers functioning at a maximum level, minimize storm water ponding in the street abutting your property and keep your property looking pleasant.

Get Ready for Fall Hydrant Flushing

The City of Portage, in collaboration with our trusted utility contractor, VEOLIA, is gearing up for the bi-annual fire hydrant flushing.

Hydrant flushing is a routine maintenance procedure that plays a vital role in keeping our water clean and safe. This process helps us maintain water quality by removing any sediment that may have built up in the water system. Additionally, it allows us to check the proper operation of fire hydrants and our water pumping system, ensuring they're ready for any emergency.

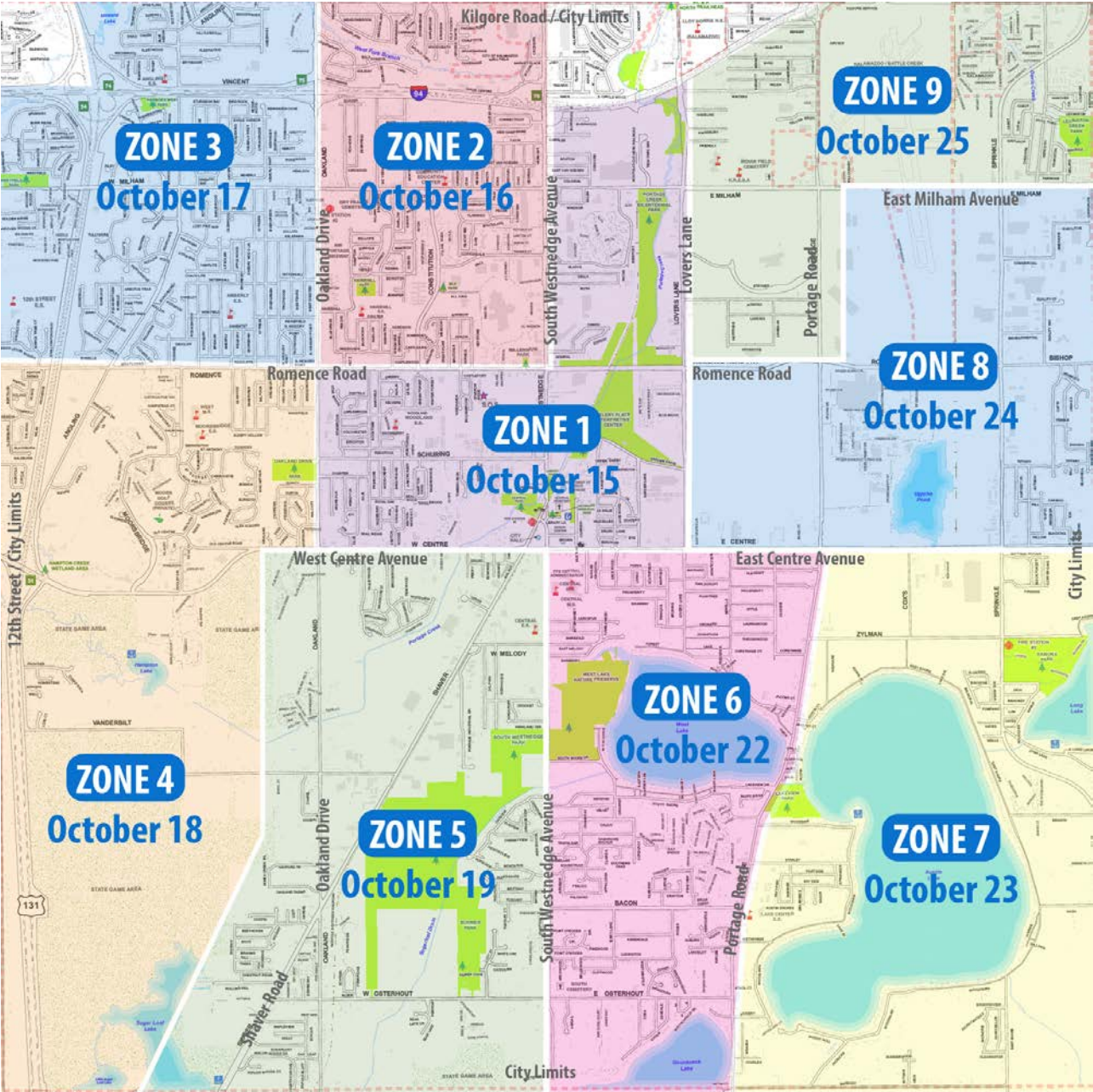
The map below indicates the dates when hydrant flushing will occur in each area of the city. Flushing will take place between the hours of 11 PM on the date displayed and 7:30 AM the following day. We've chosen these hours intentionally to minimize disruption during high-traffic times. Please keep in mind that this schedule is tentative, and there might be a need to perform the work outside the assigned day or area to achieve the best results.

While we're hard at work flushing hydrants, you may notice some temporary water discoloration. We want to reassure you that this is completely normal during the flushing process. Before doing any laundry or cleaning during this period, we recommend checking for any discoloration. Even if the water looks a little off, it's perfectly safe to drink.

During the flushing process, we'll be discharging large quantities of water from the hydrants. To ensure everyone's safety, we ask motorists to keep an eye out for our vehicles and workers as they perform this essential work. Please reduce your speed accordingly and exercise caution in the area.

Your peace of mind is important to us, and we're here to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please feel free to reach out to VEOLIA at 324-9235 if you need assistance or have any inquiries related to the hydrant flushing process.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to maintain the highest water quality for you.



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Health & Community Services Department

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YOUR BACKYARD IS BIGGER THAN YOU THINK

BIKEPORTAGE

Bike Share Rental Open through October 31

BikePortage, the bike share rental program available at the Portage Creek Bicentennial Park Trail, just north of the Celery Flats Pavilion, will be open through the end of October. Bike rentals will be available again starting in April 2024. Monthly, annual, and discounted annual memberships will be available for purchase through the month of October. For more information, visit portagemi.gov/794

City Hall Exhibitions

Did you know that there are rotating exhibitions on display at Portage City Hall all year round? They focus on local arts, nature, and history, and they're absolutely free for the public to enjoy! You can check them out during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. It's a great way to learn more about the community and its rich cultural heritage.

Portage Community Art Award

The current exhibition features an display of works from this year's Portage Community Art Award winner, Paul May, whose work best represents the theme *A Natural Place to Move!*



» Now - October 31, Monday - Friday during business hours

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Monster Mash & Movie in the Park-Drive In Style: Hotel Transylvania

For all those monsters out there, lurking in the shadows...we've got the place for you to let out your inner monster! Come to Ramona Park for the annual Monster Mash. This year's theme is Hotel Transylvania. Find family-friendly inflatables, a spooky forest hayride, merry-not-scary magic shows, on-site pumpkin carving demos, and more. After the event, stay for a drive-in style movie, Hotel Transylvania, beginning around dusk. Parking for the movie will begin at 5:30 PM and will be first come, first served.



Our Generous Sponsors:

- » Saturday, October 21, 3 - 7 PM
- » Ramona Park (8600 South Sprinkle Road)
- » FREE (No registration required)

Nature Hike

Spooky Secrets Bog Walk

Step into the misty and mysterious world of bogs. On your twilight hike, you'll hear strange tales of swamp lights and bog people. Explore the mysterious flora and fauna, like carnivorous plants and creepy cryptids that inhabit these wetlands. This hike is sure to raise goosebumps on your arms and send chills up your spine. Don't forget your waterproof hiking boots, weather-appropriate gear, and a flashlight or headlamp. This hike is two to four miles long.

- » Thursday, November 2, 5:30 - 7 PM
- » South Westnedge Park (9010 South Westnedge Avenue)
- » FREE (Registration required)

Glass Painting Workshop

Friendsgiving Glassware

Let's celebrate Friendsgiving! Enjoy a relaxing evening with friends and family painting a unique wine glass to celebrate community and togetherness with Lauren, the art teacher from Colors & Cocktails. The registration fee includes all the supplies to create a beautiful masterpiece to take home with you that night.

- » Wednesday, November 15, 6 - 8 PM
- » Portage Parks & Recreation (320 Library Lane)
- » \$45 per participant (Registration required)

"I Love Portage!" Essay Contest

It's that time of year again! Portage Parks & Recreation is looking for local youth to send us your "I Love Portage" essays. Students are asked to submit a maximum one-page essay explaining why they love Portage and what makes Portage *A Natural Place to Move!* Mayor Randall and the City Council will judge the essays and choose a winner. The student will be asked to read their essay and flip the switch to light up the City Centre at the Traditional Holiday and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 2. Submit your essay by Friday, November 3.

- » Email to: mypark@portagemi.gov
- » Mailed or hand-delivered to:
Portage Parks & Recreation
320 Library Lane
Portage, MI 49002

Portage Holiday Market

Now Accepting Applications!

The Portage Holiday Market is the place to find the perfect gifts and stocking stuffers for your family and friends. Shop local and support vendors selling crafts, tasty treats, handmade products, holiday goodies and more! Interested in participating as a vendor? Visit portagemi.gov/834 or stop by Portage Parks & Recreation to submit your application.

- » Saturday, December 9, 9 AM - 1 PM
- » Portage Parks & Recreation (320 Library Lane)
- » FREE to the public (No registration required)

Holiday Card & Tree Walk

Each year, Portage families, businesses, civic groups, and organizations help create a festive atmosphere in the City Centre by participating in the annual Holiday Card & Tree Walk.

Holiday Cards

Create a personalized seasonal "card" depicting a winter, non-denominational, holiday theme, painted on a 4' x 8' sheet of plywood; minimum 1/2" thick, painted white on the backside, and able to withstand outdoor weather conditions. The cards will be installed in an upright (vertical) position. Any cards remaining after January 22, 2024 may be disposed of by the city.

- » Holiday cards must be delivered by Monday, November 6 at 4 PM to the Department of Public Works (7719 South Westnedge Avenue)
- » FREE

Holiday Trees

Use your own decorations and flair to decorate a holiday tree in the Celery Flats Historical Area. Contact Portage Parks & Recreation by Wednesday, November 1 at 329-4522 to reserve a tree (while supplies last).

- » Reserve a tree by Wednesday, November 1, 4 PM.
- » FREE

Portage Cultural Arts Committee Strategic Planning Meeting

You are invited to help shape the future of the arts in the City of Portage! The Portage Cultural Arts Committee's strategic planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at 6 PM at Portage Parks & Recreation (320 Library Lane). The purpose of the meeting is to develop a mission, vision, and 3 to 5 goals that will help expand the arts in the City of Portage in the coming year. All artists, arts organizations or guilds, arts educators, and arts supporters are welcome to attend and share their ideas on how to enhance public art in our community.

If you wish to join the Portage Cultural Arts Committee, please sign up at portagemi.gov/416. The committee has planned various arts activities for the future, including visual and performing arts, murals, outdoor public art, exhibitions, and festivals. For any questions, please contact Portage Parks & Recreation at 269-329-4522.

PORTAGE Farmers Market

Fresh. Rain or Shine.

Thank you! ... for making the 2023 Portage Farmers Market season a success! You have a few more opportunities to visit us before the final market of the season on Sunday, October 15.

Every Sunday through mid-October you can find locally grown and freshly picked produce at the Portage Farmers Market. Shop an array products here including grocery staples like bread, meat, cheese, and seasonal produce.

In October, apples, pumpkins and pears will be in season. Our market vendors also bring in seasonal products like fall-themed artisanal gifts, scented hand-poured candles, coffee, and more.

Patrons have access to several types of food assistance at the market including SNAP/EBT coins, Double-Up Food Bucks, and more. The Portage Zhang Senior Center also offers the Eat Smart Live Fresh Program and coupons obtained from the class may be used at the Portage Farmers Market.

The Portage Farmers Market supports farmers, small businesses, and up and coming entrepreneurs. In an effort to keep our market local, all vendors are located within 50 miles of the City of Portage. The Portage Farmers Market is Fresh, Rain or Shine every Sunday from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Portage City Hall parking lot (7900 South Westnedge Avenue) through October 15.

For more information regarding the Portage Farmers Market, please contact farmmkt@portagemi.gov or call 329-4522. Follow us for updates about the Portage Farmers Market on social media on Facebook @PortageMarketMI or Instagram @PortageMarket.

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November 7 City Election

Elections for City Council and Mayor, as well as a county-wide veterans millage proposal, will be held in the City of Portage on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Portage voters are encouraged to review the following dates to ensure your vote counts.

Important Dates	
Now through Election Day	Return your completed (and signed) absentee ballot in one of the three secure drop boxes at Portage City Hall. <i>Don't delay – avoid the last-minute rush!</i>
Monday, October 23	Deadline to register to vote via mail or online.
Tuesday, October 24 through Election Day	Last 2 weeks to register to vote IN PERSON ONLY at the City Clerk's Office.
Friday, November 3 at 5 PM*	Deadline for receiving an absentee ballot via postal mail. <small>* To avoid potential mail delays, it is strongly recommended to request an absentee ballot no later than Monday, October 16.</small>
Saturday, November 4	Portage City Clerk's Office open from 8 AM – 4 PM
Now through Monday, November 6	Request an absentee ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office. Deadline is 4 PM on November 6.
Tuesday, November 7	<i>ELECTION DAY!</i> Polls are open 7 AM – 8 PM

Precinct Locations

The City of Portage has 12 voting locations. Where you vote depends on where you live. All precinct locations will be open on Election Day. If you are unsure of your polling location, visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at [mi.gov/vote](https://www.michigan.gov/vote) or contact the Office of the City Clerk at 329-4511.

Please note, the polling locations formerly located in the Stanley Center at St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church have been relocated. Voters received a new voter ID card in the mail in early March this year. Be sure to carefully inspect your voter ID card, as your precinct location may have changed. A map of the new City of Portage precincts can be viewed online at [portagemi.gov/233](https://www.portagemi.gov/233). You can also see your personal Michigan voter record at [mi.gov/vote](https://www.michigan.gov/vote).

Snowbirds and College Students

Did you remember to put your out-of-town mailing address on your absentee ballot application? Ballots can NOT be automatically forwarded in the postal mail.

Statewide Permanent BALLOT List

Last November, Michigan voters approved Proposal 22-2. Among other items, the measure allows Michiganders to sign up for a permanent absentee voter ballot list. Voters on this list are sent an Absent Voter Ballot by mail prior to every election. This upcoming November City Election will be the first for Portage where voters on this new list will automatically receive an absentee ballot. Interested in signing up? Sign up on your current absent voter application or contact the Office of the City Clerk at 329-4511.

Questions?

Contact the Office of the Office of the City Clerk at 329-4511 or by e-mail at cityclerk.portagemi.gov. Follow us on Facebook @**CityofPortageMI** for timely election updates.


#PortageVotes



Are you ready to get into the Halloween spirit? Enter your Halloween-themed house in our “Tricked Out Home” Halloween Decorating Contest. To enter, upload a photo of your “tricked out home” along with your address in the Facebook comments below by Monday, October 23 at 3 PM EST. Or...you may also email your photo and entry to publicinformation@portagemi.gov.

NEW THIS YEAR – Each entered house will be featured on an interactive map so that everyone can drive around Portage and experience the HORROR of the season. The first-place, second-place, and third-place winners will be selected and announced on Facebook on Tuesday, October 31. The winners will also be awarded a special certificate and prize, in person, at the November 1, 2023, Portage City Council Meeting at 7 PM.

For more information and complete contest rules, visit the Spotlight section of the city website at [portagemi.gov](https://www.portagemi.gov). Participation is FREE and open to Portage residents.



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The City of Portage does not set a specific date or time for trick-or-treating.

Please check with your neighbors or neighborhood association and use your best judgment.

Portage City Council

Portage City Council meetings are held twice a month on Tuesdays at 7 PM at Portage City Hall (7900 South Westnedge Avenue) in Council Chambers and are always open to the public.

The City Manager

The City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the city. Citizens are encouraged to contact the City Manager with concerns or complaints about city services by visiting [reportit.portagemi.gov](https://www.reportit.portagemi.gov) or by calling Complaint Resolution at 329-4404.

Televised City Meetings

City Council, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings can be viewed live on Spectrum channel 995 and AT&T channel 99. All meetings can be viewed via live streaming at [portagemi.gov/205](https://www.portagemi.gov/205).

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3	7:00 PM	City Council Meeting
5	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
9	7:00 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
17	7:00 PM	City Council Meeting
19	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting

The Portager

The *Portager* is the official publication of the City of Portage, used to inform residents of city services and events, as well as city projects that have significance to Portage citizens. The newsletter is published monthly and delivered to every mailbox in the 49002 and 49024 zip codes.

This month's front and back cover photo features the Portage Creek Bicentennial Park Trail.

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